

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 05/01/03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for CPT code 97265 for dates of service 05/02/02 through 12/17/02.

II. FINDINGS

The requestor faxed a letter withdrawing the dates of service 09/12/02, 08/05/02 and CPT code 97110 for the date of service 07/11/02.

III. RATIONALE

The requestor billed the respondent \$1,356.00 for the dates of service 05/02/02 through 12/17/02. The carrier made no reimbursement and denied services as "G-Included in Global Fee. The value of this service is included in the value of another service billed on the same date of service." The MFG MGR does not indicate CPT codes 97265 and 97250 are global to any of the other services provided for on these same dates of service. CPT codes 97265 and 97250 are listed as separate codes in the MFG MGR and are not subject to a global denial. Therefore, reimbursement is recommended in the amount of **\$989.00**.

CPT code 99361 in the amount of \$53.00 for the date of service 12/17/02 was denied "G-included in Global Fee." The carrier gives no further explanation of the reason for the denial of PT code 99361. It is difficult to determine what this CPT code is global to. The requestor billed the correct amount and submitted documentation that supports the services were rendered in accordance with MFG E/M and CPT descriptor. Therefore, based solely on this evidence reimbursement is recommended in the amount of **\$53.00**.

IV. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement for CPT codes 97265 and 99361. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby ORDERS the Respondent to remit **\$1,042.00** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 9th day of January 2004.

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